

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

February 9, 2012

**5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Mark Tiffer (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Chris Case (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

**Absent:** None

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**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on February 2, 2012 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Case

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending February 8, 2012 in the amount of \$ 247,082.27 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Case

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of February 2 – February 8, 2012
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from January 31 – February 7, 2012
- Statement of cash receipts from the Library from December 31, 2011 – January 22, 2012

**RESOLVED:** That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None**

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**5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the bills Audited by the Common Council in the amount of \$ 909,619.97 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL: None**

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**7. OTHER ITEMS:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Autism Awareness Walk Committee to hold their annual Walk at the Oval on Saturday April 28, 2012 and that the inside lane of the US Oval be closed from traffic during the actual Walk (11 – 11:45 am).

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Case  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)  
**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves MLD to advertise for sealed bid for PMLD BID NO. 2012-2-1 “Purchase Revenue Electric Meters.” Bid Opening Date: March 6, 2012 at 11:00 am.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Case  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)  
**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**C. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Change Order #3 to PMLD 2011-7-1 “115 kV Relay Testing” in the total amount of \$13,950.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**D. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves a contract with Whites Forest Products to purchase and remove “damaged timber that was blown down or knocked down during Hurricane Irene” on the Akey Road landfill site.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Case

Discussion:

**Motion to table**

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Tabled

Follow up Action: None

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**E. Clinton County Board of Elections request that the City endorse consolidation of the number of election districts in the City from 16 to 12.**

**Whereas,** the Clinton County Board of Elections has notified the City of Plattsburgh of their desire to consolidate the number of election districts in the City from 16 to 12 and

**Whereas,** they have proposed the closure of the City Hall polling site and having those voters use the existing polling site in the Clinton County Government Center 1<sup>st</sup> floor meeting room and

**Whereas,** they have also proposed consolidating Ward 1-3 into Ward 3-1 for the purpose of allowing those residents to vote at the Plattsburgh State Field House rather than at Pine Harbour and

**Whereas,** these consolidations will save the City of Plattsburgh approximately \$11,000.00 in their Chargeback Budget,

**BE IT RESOLVED:** that the City of Plattsburgh endorses these consolidations of election districts and polling sites with the understanding that such action does not alter the boundaries of any City of Plattsburgh Ward as set forth in the City Charter, or change the City Councilor who represents such Ward(s).

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Discussion:

**Councilor Carpenter** said the savings of approximately \$11,000 is that per year or per election.

**Mayor Kasprzak** said per year.

**Councilor Tiffer** said there's going to be an affect on my Ward in the northern part. So I just wanted to let people know that there is going to be some other people affected and they are going to change their poling site but as this says it's not going to change the Ward.

**Councilor Calnon** said along those lines when the Board of Elections talks about sending out their cards every year. They are going to try and make it really obvious for people whose polling places changed where they're going to vote. I think it's also on us to make sure we talk about this a lot as we get close to the election so that people look for it.

**Councilor Carpenter** said my Ward; I believe, is the largest affected part as they take one of my districts "3" and move it in to Ward 3 at the Field House. I 'm very happy about that move I have been trying to get it done for several years through several elections. That district comprises mostly college freshman on the river side of Rugar Street and to have them new to town and then to try and find Pine Harbour where they vote to me was terrible. Now they can go right to the Field House they stay on campus it's going to be so much easier for them. I'm very happy for that change so I am not against it in anyway.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**F. Request that the New York State Legislature schedule the September 2012 Primary the same date as the Federal Primary – Board of Elections.**

**Whereas**, by order of Judge Sharpe, a date of June 26, 2012 has been set for the Federal Primary in order for New York State to comply with the Federal MOVE ACT; and

**Whereas**, this order will potentially cause there to be scheduled, three separate Primaries in 2012 during the months of April, June and September; and

**Whereas**, an additional third Primary had neither been expected nor budgeted for by either the Clinton County Board of Elections or the City of Plattsburgh, thus creating an unexpected financial burden to all of the parties involved; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Common Council of the City of Plattsburgh respectfully request that the New York State Legislature schedule the State Primary on the same date as the Federal Primary in the month of June 2012 thereby avoiding the imposition upon the City of Plattsburgh, the additional cost and logistical burden that will be associated with conducting a third Primary.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Case

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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## **8. TRAVEL REQUEST:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Tim Carter to attend "Traffic Signal Training" in Syracuse, NY from February 26 – March 2, 2012 at a cost not to exceed \$1,125.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Case

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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## **9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:**

1. Request from the Community Development Office to advertise for bids for 2009 Housing Rehabilitation Program Housing Rehab (Watts – 5 Underwood Ave).
2. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF CAROLYN COWIN TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW FOR A FIVE YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2011 AND EXPIRING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2016.
3. Request from the Plattsburgh Farmers and Crafters Market group to manage the Farmers Market for the 2012 market season from May 5- October 13, 2012.
4. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE PLANNING BOARD TO DAVID CRISS FOR A SEVEN YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 13, 2012 AND EXPIRING JANUARY 13, 2019.
5. Request from Kevin Farrington City Engineer to advertise for bids for Contract #2012-02 "St. Charles Street Improvements; Cornelia Street to Elm Street."
6. Request from Kevin Farrington City Engineer for Change Order #1 to Contract # 2011-16 "Saranac River Trail Multi Use Path, Phase II, SUNY Plattsburgh & Pine Street" in the total amount of \$104,003.89 and that the Mayor be authorized to sign the change order.
7. Request from the Community Development Office for a Change Order to Project HOME-12-2009 (Dunn-Williams – 5 Saranac St) in the total amount of \$1,800.
8. Request from the Community Development Office for a Change Order to Project HOME-13-2009 (Eelman – 63 South Peru St) in the total amount of \$610.

9. Proposed lease of USAF Building 485 to Champlain Valley Transportation Museum. Public Hearing will be held in the Chambers of the Common Council, First Floor, City Hall, and Plattsburgh, NY at 5:00 PM on Thursday, February 23, 2012.
10. Request from Police Chief Desmond Racicot for two Police Officers and two civilian employees to attend the “Advanced Configuration Training for the Telestaff software system” in Santa Ana, CA from March 4 - 11, 2012 at a cost not to exceed \$9,084 and will be expensed to the Asset Forfeiture account (DOJ).

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**10. NEW BUSINESS: None**

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**11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None**

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:40pm**